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The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/140 of 17 December 1999, in which it, inter alia, took note with appreciation of the proposal for a new working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women through the establishment of an electronic Gender Awareness Information and Networking System, and urged Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute or to consider increasing their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Reiterating paragraph 85 (c) of the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", which called for support for national efforts, particularly in developing countries, for enlarged access to new information technology as part of the efforts to develop collaborative research, training and information dissemination, including through the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System being developed by the Institute, while at the same time supporting traditional methods of information dissemination, research and training,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] which provides an overview of the current situation of the Institute;

2. *Acknowledges with appreciation* that, despite severe limitations, and in compliance with the request of the General Assembly in resolution 54/140, the Institute translated the Gender Awareness Information and Networking System into

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/55/385.

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Spanish and is in the process of initiating translation into other official languages of the United Nations;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the current efforts being made by the office of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and by the office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, for the revitalization of the Institute;

4. *Also expresses* grave concern over the following matters:

(a) Despite the revitalization and fund-raising efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General and the Institute, contributions have not reached the level required to enable the Institute to operate beyond 31 December 2000;

(b) The lack of resources to ensure the future for the only research and training institute for the advancement of women within the United Nations system;

5. *Decides* that the core activities of the Institute shall be funded from the regular budget of the United Nations as of 1 January 2001;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continuity of incumbency of the post of Director in order to ensure that the Institute is appropriately represented throughout the process of implementation of the decisions adopted by the General Assembly regarding its future operations;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that continue to contribute to and support the activities of the Institute;

8. *Urges* Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to or to consider increasing their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to facilitate the ongoing programmes and activities of the Institute;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.